

MAT 631 Introduction to Algebra I Fall 2009. Page 1

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Office Hours: Tuesday 11:15-12:00 noon, Wednesday 1:30-2:30 pm, Thursday 2:15-3:00 pm or by appointment.

Course Description - Learning Outcomes: The main goal of this course is to learn some algebra.

Text: Algebra by Michael Artin, Prentice Hall Upper Saddle River, New Jersey 1991.

Test dates: Thursday, September 24, Thursday, October 22, Thursday, November 19. These tests will be during the regular class period.

Homework: Homework will be assigned during class. It will be due at the beginning of class the Thursday of the week after it is assigned. It will be graded and will count toward the grade for the course. Students are allowed to collaborate on the homework, but each student must hand in her or his own separate assignments. Collaboration includes working on the problem together or giving hints to other students after you have solved it yourself. It does not include letting someone else simply copy your solution.

Final exam: Friday, December 18, 2009 10:15 am – 12:15 pm. It will be a comprehensive final exam.

Calculation of course grade: 3 test during the term 20% each, homework 15%, final exam 25%.

The plan is to cover chapters 2, 3, 4 (sections 1-4, 6), 5 (sections 5-7), 6 (sections 1, 3-6), 7 (sections 1-5).

All exams will be closed book, books, notes and calculators will not be allowed. Collaboration will not be allowed.

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